Government of the Federal Republic of Germany. However, the draft text provides a broad framework for enhancing co-operation between the two countries in a wide spectrum of environment related areas.

Workshop on Forestry

2850. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a workshop on forestry has been held under the aegis of India and Britain recently;

(b) what were the conclusions of this workshop;

(c) whether any funds will be obtained from UNCED for development of sustainable forestry;

(d) if so, approximate amount which will be earmarked for sustainable forestry;

(e) whether the States will have a role on the priority to be given on which areas will get focus to regenerate forests; and

(f) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir. A workshop called: "Towards Sustainable Forestry: Preparing for Commission on Sustainable Development 1995" was held in New Delhi over 25th—27th July, 1994.

(b) The workshop adopted a document entitled "Framework for National Reporting to the Third Session of the CSD 1995" and also proposed that the International and Regional Funding Agencies should seek advice from their member countries on how they should report to the CSD and convene small meetings of selected members for this purpose. The workshop welcomed the work being undertaken internationally on the development of criteria and indicators of sustainable forestry and suggested that the FAO might convene meetings of countries not involved in existing initiatives.

(c) and (d) Agenda 21, which is the programme of action adopted at the U.N. Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) in June, 1992 broadly estimated the average annual cost, over 1993—2000, of implementing programmes to combat deforestation in developing countries, to be about $ 750 million, including about $ 530 million on grants on concessional terms from the international community. As part of ongoing bilateral and other programmes, assistance towards sustainable forestry is received by developing countries including India, though the actual sums received are less than that estimated in Agenda 21.

(e) and (f) Projects for the regeneration of forests for which external assistance is sought are framed by the States keeping in mind the specific conditions in the States, the requirements of fuel, fodder, timber etc. for community and commercial use and the need for improving forest cover in the State.

राज्यों की लंबित परियोजनाओं को स्वीकृति

2851. श्री राम जेठमलानी: क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि विभिन्न राज्य-सरकारों ने विकास संबंधी परियोजनाएं केन्द्रीय सरकार की स्वीकृति के लिये भेजी हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो अप्रैल, 1994 तक स्वीकृति हेतु कुल कितनी परियोजनायें प्राप्त हुई जिन पर कोई निर्णय नहीं लिया गया;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि ये परियोजनायें लम्बे समय से स्वीकृति हेतु सरकार के पास लंबित हैं;

(घ) यदि हां, तो अधिकतम कितने समय से ये परियोजनायें लंबित हैं;

(ङ) ये परियोजनाएं कितनी-कितनी हैं और किस-किस राज्य और विभाग से संबंधित हैं;